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--21. A method according to claim 10, including cutting the rope with a hot blade to prevent fraying of the ends, and pressing the cut end into a V-shape.--

--22. A method according to claim 11, including cutting the rope with a hot blade to prevent fraying of the ends, and pressing the cut end into a V-shape.--

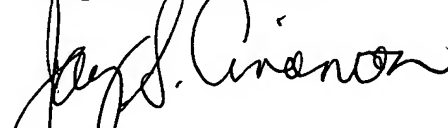
--23. A method according to claim 12, including cutting the rope with a hot blade to prevent fraying of the ends, and pressing the cut end into a V-shape.--

REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that the examination of this application proceed on the basis of the amendatory action taken herein and that this amendment be entered prior to calculating the filing fee and according the application a filing date. It is respectfully submitted that the claims presently pending in the application, namely, claims 1-14 and 19-23 are in condition for allowance, and a Notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

Please charge any fees which may be due and which have not been submitted herewith to our Deposit Account No. 01-0035.

Respectfully submitted,


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MARKED-UP VERSION SHOWING CHANGES MADE
BY THIS PRE-EXAMINATION AMENDMENT

Claims 6, 12 and 13 have been amended as follows:

6. (Amended) An applicator, including:

a frame assembly adapted to be attached to or drawn by a vehicle such as a tractor;

a support shaft secured to said frame assembly and depending therefrom in use;

a storage tank mounted on said frame assembly or adapted to be mounted on the vehicle;

a rotatable applicator head as defined by ~~any one of~~ Claims 1 to 5 mounted on said shaft for rotation relative thereto, said shaft extending into or through said storage chamber in said applicator head and said shaft having a passage therethrough, said passage being in fluid communication with said storage chamber and said storage tank for supplying liquid to said storage chamber.

12. (Amended) A method according to ~~any one of~~ claims 9 to 11, wherein the characteristics of the materials and the parameters of the moulding process, particularly the temperature and injecting pressure, are selected such that some of the thermoplastics material penetrates part-way into the porous material in the moulding step.

13. (Amended) A method according to ~~any one of~~ claims 9 to 12, including cutting the rope with a hot blade to prevent fraying of the ends, and pressing the cut end into a V-shape.